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SENATE BILL 307

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES; CLARIFYING THAT ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS
HAVE THE POWER TO DISMISS EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 4-38-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,
Chapter 219, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"4-38-19. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS--EMPLOYING DEPUTIES AND
EMPLOYEES--EMPLOYING A COUNTY MANAGER.--

A. A board of county commissioners may set the
salaries of such employees and deputies as it feels necessary
to discharge the functions of the county, except that elected
county officials have the authority to hire, dismiss and
recommend the salaries of persons employed by them to carry out
the duties and responsibilities of the offices to which they
are elected.

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B. A board of county commissioners may employ and set the salary of a county manager to conduct the business of the county, to serve as personnel officer, fiscal director, budget officer and property custodian and to act generally as the administrative assistant to the board, aiding and assisting it in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities.

C. All officials, officers, deputies and employees of the county or of an elected official of the county shall receive their salaries or wages for services rendered on regular paydays not more than sixteen days apart."